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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MICHIGAN, NEW JERSEY

ISSUANCE OF NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 2009-12 (FSME-09-065)

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Background: The NRC is issuing IN 2009-12, Exempt Distribution Licensing Requirements for Irradiated Gemstones, to: 1) emphasize the NRC requirements governing the import into and initial distribution within the U.S. of irradiated gemstones containing byproduct material, and 2) emphasize that after the initial distribution of irradiated gemstones under an exempt distribution license, subsequent distributions (including export) are not subject to any other licensing or regulatory restriction.

Discussion: IN 2009-12, Exempt Distribution Licensing Requirements for Irradiated Gemstones, is provided to the Agreement States to inform how the NRC is regulating the distribution of irradiated gemstones. If the distributor is located in an Agreement State, the possession license is issued by that Agreement State. The IN can be found at: http://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/idmws/ViewDocByAccession.asp?AccessionNumber=ML091190196

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